

1 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 17

2 46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004

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8 FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A MODEL  
12 SAFETY POLICY GOVERNING AFTER-HOURS WORK AT SCHOOL SITES.

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14 WHEREAS, House Joint Memorial 66 of the forty-sixth  
15 legislature, first session, requested the former state board of  
16 education and the former state department of public education  
17 to review school safety plans to assess the ability of those  
18 plans to ensure the safety of school employees and students  
19 during school hours and nonschool hours; and

20 WHEREAS, Senate Joint Memorial 66 also requested the  
21 legislative education study committee to study the issues  
22 surrounding the safety of all school employees and students and  
23 ways in which safety could be increased; and

24 WHEREAS, the school safety task force, which was formed to  
25 study these issues, found that school safety plans focus almost

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1 exclusively on student safety, with little, if any, attention  
2 to the safety of employees, contractors and volunteers; and

3 WHEREAS, the task force's survey of local superintendents  
4 found that several school districts have no policy governing  
5 work by employees, contractors or volunteers at the school site  
6 during nonschool hours; and

7 WHEREAS, this same survey revealed that several local  
8 superintendents would welcome guidance from the state regarding  
9 such policies;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public education department be  
12 requested to develop a model policy governing work by  
13 employees, contractors and volunteers at school sites during  
14 nonschool hours, disseminate the model policy to the school  
15 districts and require school districts to adopt the model  
16 policy or other safety policy; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public education  
18 department report to the legislative education study committee  
19 by October 2004 on the status of the adoption and  
20 implementation of school district policies governing work at  
21 school sites during nonschool hours; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
23 transmitted to the secretary of public education and to the  
24 legislative education study committee for appropriate  
25 distribution.